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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Kazuomi KOBAYASHI et al.

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For: PNEUMATIC TIRES

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

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Claim 1. (Amended) A run-flat pneumatic tire comprising; a radial carcass extending between a pair of bead cores embedded in the respective bead portions to reinforce a pair of sidewall portions, a tread portion comprised of one or more rubberized cord plies, a belt arranged on an outer peripheral surface of the carcass to reinforce the tread portion, a bead filler rubber taperingly extending from a position just above the bead core toward an end of the tread portion, a rubber reinforcing layer arranged at an inner surface side of an innermost carcass ply from a position near to the bead core in the bead portion to a position near to the end of the tread portion